DON'T BE SO UPSET!
YOUR PARENTS MIGHT HAVE MADE A MISTAKE; IT HAPPENS TO ALL OF US.
THEY LET ME DOWN!

EH, KID! THEY DIDN'T LET YOU DOWN.
THEY DID WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS BEST FOR YOU. ERASE INGEBORG FROM YOUR REALITY AND GO BACK TO YOUR PARENTS, IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT!

I MADE THE SAME MISTAKE AT YOUR AGE; I THREW AWAY MY CONTACT LENSES AND ABANDONED EVERYTHING.
SOCIETY WILL NEVER LET YOU LIVE OUTSIDE ITS VIRTUAL WORLD
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE BROUGHT BACK WHEREVER YOU GO, SO GO BACK THERE AND CONFRONT INGEBORG! YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO FOLLOW ME. I HELPED YOU YESTERDAY BUT YOU HAVE TO GO BACK HOME NOW.
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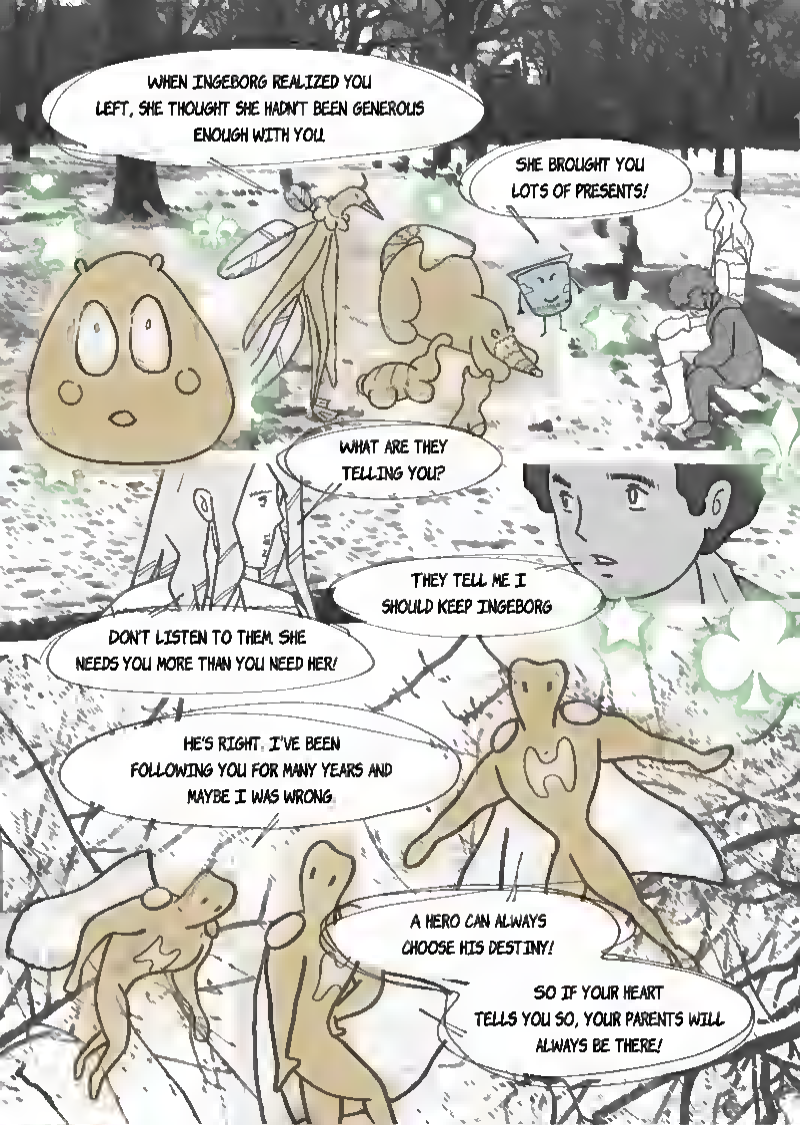
THINK ABOUT ALL THE ENTERTAINMENT THAT'S WAITING FOR YOU. NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT FOOD, CLOTHING, AND LODGING.

DON'T YOU GET BORED WITHOUT AUGMENTED REALITY?
OF COURSE, WE ALL GET BORED SOMETIMES, IT'S NORMAL. TIME GOES BY DIFFERENTLY, I NOTICE THE SMALL DETAILS MORE AND I LIVE DAY BY DAY.
AUGMENTED REALITY IS GREAT, IN THEORY, BUT THEY TRANSFORMED IT INTO A NIGHTMARE: EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED THERE, NUMBERED, JUSTIFIED, AND AMORTIZED. I PREFER BEING ON MY OWN. I SOMETIMES BEG, AND SQUAT HERE AND THERE.
SO YOU BENEFIT FROM THE SYSTEM TOO?
ONE CAN NEVER TOTALLY QUIT THE SYSTEM. I ONLY WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE.

HELP ME TO REMEMBER...
WHAT DO YOU SEE THROUGH YOUR LENSES?
ALWAYS A LOT OF INFORMATION FLOWING...
SNOW IS WHITER THAN IN REALITY, BUT IT DOESN'T BLIND YOU. SUNLIGHT IS SOFTER, BUT ALSO WARMER.
I HAPPEN TO DREAM I'M STILL IN AUGMENTED REALITY. RAW REALITY IS BEAUTIFUL, BUT IT HAS NO POINT...

THERE, A FERAL, VIRTUAL COMPANION! YOU CAN'T SEE IT, BUT IT'S BEHIND THE TREE.
THERE'RE SO MANY OF THEM TODAY!
TELL ME MANOËL; IS IT TRUE THAT YOU WANT TO DEACTIVATE INGEBORG?
SHE'S OUR FRIEND!
PLEASE DON'T DO THAT!


WHEN INGEBORG REALIZED YOU LEFT, SHE THOUGHT SHE HADN'T BEEN GENEROUS ENOUGH WITH YOU.
SHE BROUGHT YOU LOTS OF PRESENTS!
WHAT ARE THEY TELLING YOU?
THEY TELL ME I SHOULD KEEP INGEBORG
DON'T LISTEN TO THEM. SHE NEEDS YOU MORE THAN YOU NEED HER!
HE'S RIGHT. I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU FOR MANY YEARS AND MAYBE I WAS WRONG.
A HERO CAN ALWAYS CHOOSE HIS DESTINY!
SO IF YOUR HEART TELLS YOU SO, YOUR PARENTS WILL ALWAYS BE THERE!

HEY, YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
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DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, A COMPANION DOESN'T HAVE THE PRIVILEGES REQUIRED TO UPDATE OUR SCRIPT!
MANOËL, I MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!

MANOËL, LISTEN!
I'M BACK HOME!
HONEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

YOU DIDN'T REALLY BELIEVE THAT I COULD LEAVE OUR SON ALONE ALL THESE YEARS?
MAYBE I CAN'T CONFRONT INGEBORG, BUT I STILL KNOW HOW TO HACK AUGMENTED REALITY. SO, A VIRTUAL COMPANION, THAT WAS EASY!
MY LOVE...
I WAS FOOL TO THINK...
AT LAST. THE OLD YOU!

I NEVER LET MANOËL DOWN!
IF YOU DEACTIVATE INGEBORG, NOBODY WILL WANT YOU ANYMORE.
YOU ALREADY HAVE NO PARENTS; DO YOU REALLY WANT TO TAKE THAT RISK?
IF YOU DEACTIVATE HER, VERY BAD THINGS WILL HAPPEN.

HOW DARE YOU! SAY SUCH THINGS!
MANOËL, WE ARE THERE FOR YOU.
THESE GIRLS WERE SENT BY PRESIDENT IWONA, I ASSUME?
THAT'S CORRECT, SENATOR...
DON'T YOU SEE THAT YOUR APPROACH ONLY ENCOURAGES THE BOY TO ERASE INGEBORG SOONER FROM HIS REALITY?
WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS, HELGE. YOU'VE JUST BEEN AWARDED A UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP!
THEY WANT TO SEE YOU IMMEDIATELY! « SENSAZIONALE » !
MADAM HUYN ISN'T ANGRY AT ALL, SHE'S VERY PROUD OF YOU!
IS ALL OF THIS REALLY LAWFUL?

GREAT OFFERS ARE WAITING AT THE ARENA, HURRY UP!
WE'RE ABOUT TO CONVINCE HIM; DON'T LET THESE GIRLS GET CLOSER!
A ZOMBIE HAS BEEN DETECTED!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET THE HIGHEST SCORE; JOIN YOUR TEAM NOW!
EH, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
THE SOUND OF MY VOICE MUST BE CUT...
YOU WON!!
EH OH!

HELGE, I CAN'T HEAR YOU ANYMORE!
THERE'S TOO MANY!
STOP!
AHHHHHH
LET ME TALK TO MANOËL!